

A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA A. MOORE



SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' REQUEST TO CONGRESS BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21), ENSURE PREDICTABLE AND INCREASED FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCREASE THE GAS TAX, ADJUST IT FOR INFLATION, OR BOTH, AND DEPOSIT ALL REVENUES INTO THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, SPEND ALL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND REVENUES ANNUALLY WHEN COLLECTED, ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND PLACE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS IN CHARGE OF PLANNING AND BUILDING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT MEET LOCAL NEEDS AND REDUCE ROADWAY CONGESTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Federal investment in highways and transit helps strengthen our nation's economy, reduces traffic congestion, and benefits homeland security. Cities rely on a dependable commitment of federal funding, local-federal partnerships, and program flexibility to meet local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 is a great example of a federal-local partnership that works – let's strengthen its emphasis on partnership, flexibility, and intermodalism; and

WHEREAS, Investment in critical local transportation and infrastructure needs helps to improve the economy and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Congress must maintain a federal gas tax on gasoline, diesel, and alternative fuels that generates sufficient annual Highway Trust Fund revenues dedicated for transportation purposes only.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA supports the National League of Cities' request to congress to:

- Section 1.** Build on the success of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and reauthorize federal transportation programs for six more years (2004-2009).
- Section 2.** Ensure predictable and increased federal transportation funding to local governments and preserve guaranteed funding and matching commitments.
- Section 3.** Increase the gas tax, adjust it for inflation, or both, and deposit all revenues into the Highway Trust Fund.
- Section 4.** Spend all Highway Trust Fund revenues annually when collected with interest earned on unused portions credited back to the Highway Trust Fund, tax alternative fuels at the same rate as gasoline, and return all diversions of the gas tax to the Highway Trust Fund.

Section 5. Allow more flexibility in federal transportation policy and place local governments and regional metropolitan planning organizations in charge of planning and building transportation projects that meet local needs and reduce roadway congestion.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit a true and correct copy to all members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.

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MAYOR'S ACTION